

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:353
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2005
AKASHVANI KENDRAS IN RURAL AREAS
Pathak Shri Brajesh

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Akashvani Kendras functioning at present in the country, State-wise;
- (b) the number of Akashvani Kendras opened during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more Akashvani Kendras in the country particularly in rural areas;
- (d) if so, the locations thereof;
- (e) the expenditure to be incurred thereon; and
- (f) the time by which these Kendras are likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (f) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 353 REGARDING AKASHVANI KENDRAS IN RURAL AREAS TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2005.

(a) : Prasar Bharati has intimated that at present 219 radio stations are functioning in the country. The details of these stations are given in Annexure-I.

(b) : Details of radio stations commissioned during the last three years are given as under :

Year	States	Number of Stations
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2002-2003	J&K	4
	West Bengal	1
2003-2004	Karnataka	1
2004-2005	J&K	1
2005-2006	Chattisgarh	1

(till date)	Madhya Pradesh	2
	Gujarat	1

(c) to (e) : Yes, Sir. Ten radio stations are technically ready. In addition 76 new stations are proposed during the 10th plan as per details given in Annexure-II.

In addition, 150 Low Power FM transmitters are to be set-up in uncovered areas of which 100 will be in the North-East. AIR transmitters usually cover both urban and rural areas. No specific proposals are made only for rural areas. An amount of Rs.187.29 crore is likely to be incurred on setting up of new Kendras / transmitters.

(f) : No precise time-frame for implementation of the schemes can be indicated at this juncture as the same will be dependent on their approval and the availability of funds.

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PURPORT OF THE QUESTION

The Hon'ble M.P. has desired to know about the number of Akashwani Kendras functioning at present in the country and number of Akashwani Kendras opened during each of the last three years. Whether the Government proposes to set up more Akashwani Kendras in the country particularly in rural areas.

PRESENT STATUS OF RADIO STATIONS AND COVERAGES

As on date 219 Radio Stations having total 345 Transmitters are functioning in the country. Their existing radio coverage is 91.42 % by area and 99.13% by population. However, whole of country is covered by Short-wave signals. 12 radio channels are available on DTH service. It is possible to receive DTH signals anywhere in the country (except A & N Islands).

A statement showing All India Radio, facts at a Glance is given at Annexure-I.

State-wise coverage of AIR during day-time is enclosed at Annexure-II.

10 Radio Stations are technically ready and 76 new Radio Stations are proposed in the 10th Plan.

A brief note on status of technically ready scheme are given at Annexure - III.

State-wise list of radio stations presently existing in the country is given at Annexure-IV.

Details of radio station projects currently under implementation is at Annexure-V.

Names and details of FM radio channels on AIR is at Annexure-VI.

Coverage by AIR in Unnao

Unnao district is fully covered by 200 kW MW Transmitter (primary channel) at Lucknow. Major parts of the districts are also covered by 10 kW MW Transmitter (Vividh Bharati) at Lucknow. FM coverage to Unnao is also available by 10 kW FM Transmitter at Lucknow to the extent of 10% by area in Eastern parts of the Unnao district.

[The question has been tabled by Shri Brajesh Pathak, MP from (BSP), Unnao Constituency in U.P.]

ANNEXURE - I

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN PART (a) OF LOK SABHA STARRRED QUESTION NO. 353 REGARDING AKASHVANI KENDRAS IN RURAL AREAS TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2005

EXISTING STATIONS OF ALL INDIA RADIO (219)

State No. of Stations

Andhra Pradesh	12
Arunachal Pradesh	5
Assam	10
Bihar	5
Chhattisgarh	6
Delhi	1
Goa	1
Gujarat	8
Haryana	3
Himachal Pradesh	6
Jammu & Kashmir	11
Jharkhand	5
Karnataka	14
Kerala	7
Madhya Pradesh	16
Maharashtra	20
Manipur	1
Meghalaya	5
Mizoram	3
Nagaland	4
Orissa	11
Punjab	3
Rajasthan	17
Sikkim	1
Tamil Nadu	9
Tripura	3
Uttaranchal	6
Uttar Pradesh	14
West Bengal	6

Union Territories

Daman	1
Port Blair	1
Chandigarh	1
Pondicherry	1
Karaikal	1
Kavaratti	1

TOTAL 219

ANNEXURE - II

ANNEXURE AS REFERRED TO IN PART (c) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRRED QUESTION NO. 353 REGARDING AKASHVANI KENDRAS IN RURAL AREAS TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.08.2005

LIST OF FM/MW STATIONS PROPOSED IN X PLAN(76Nos.)

I. New FM Stations (73 Nos.)

State No. of Stations

Andhra Pradesh	6
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Arunachal Pradesh	5
Assam	3
Bihar	4
Chhattisgarh	4
Gujarat	2
Haryana	1
Jharkhand	3
Karnataka	2
Kerala	1
Madhya Pradesh	1
Maharashtra	3
Manipur	2
Meghalaya	1
Mizoram	3
Nagaland	3
Orissa	4
Punjab	2
Rajasthan	2
Tamil Nadu	1
Tripura	3
Uttaranchal	7
Uttar Pradesh	3
West Bengal	7

II. New Medium Wave Stations (3 Nos.)

Rajasthan	1
Tripura	1
Uttaranchal	1